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Mr. Baird V. Helfrich

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Thank you for your letter of 1 August which was very much appreciated.

As was pointed out by my representatives during your recent visit, this organization cannot sponsor or indorse any particular business concern or enterprise that is in competition with other commercial firms. I appreciate the spirit which has prompted you to make this offer, but regret for the reasons indicated that I cannot furnish the letter of indorsement that you request.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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